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For: Vaccines Against Varicella Zoster Virus Gene 63 Product

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of this application, applicants respectfully request amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel all claims.

Please add new claims 13-21 as follows:

13. A method of treating a patient suffering from or susceptible to Varicella Zoster virus infection, comprising administering to a patient a safe and effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising Varicella Zoster Virus IE63 protein or an immunologically functional derivative and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

14. A method of treating a patient suffering from or susceptible to Varicella Zoster virus infection, comprising administering to a patient a safe and effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a nucleic acid encoding IE63 or an immunologically functional derivative thereof.

15. A method of treating a patient suffering from or susceptible to Varicella Zoster virus infection as claimed in claim 13, additionally comprising other VZV antigens.

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